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ELYON'S HOUSE, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HEATHERFIELD...
FRUUUSH
THE ELECTRICITY'S OUT! MAYBE WE'D BETTER POSTPONE THE INSPECTION!
OR MAYBE NOT! AN ENTIRE FAMILY DISAPPEARING INTO THIN AIR DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN!
AND WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
KRAAAKK
ELYON

DRAWINGS BY LITTLE ELYON BROWN AT AGE SIX AND UP! INTERESTING!
HUMMY
Elyon
HUMMY
HMM! THERE'S A RECURRING IMAGE! AN IMAGINARY CITY! A MAGICAL ONE, I'D SAY!
HERE WE GO! THIS ONE IS COMPLETE! THE CITY, AGAIN! AND ABOVE IT...
...A LITTLE GIRL! WEARING A CROWN! FLYING AROUND AND SHINING LIKE THE SUN!
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LOOKS LIKE A DROP OF WATER FELL RIGHT ON HER FACE! THE COLORS WERE SMEARED! WHAT A SHAME!
POOR ELYON! WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAPPY DAYS?
EXCUSE ME?
TUMP TUMP

UM... AGENT LAIR? HEADQUARTERS TOLD YOU WE WERE COMING, RIGHT?
YEAH! I'M A DETECTIVE TOO, BUT NOT LIKE YOU BRAINS FROM INTERPOL!
MARIA MEDINA! PSYCHOLOGIST! MISSING PERSONS DIVISION!
BUT ALL THIS HAPPENED MONTHS AGO! WHY THE SUDDEN INTEREST?
RED TAPE! THE CASE WAS SUBMITTED TO US ONLY RECENTLY, BUT WE'VE ALREADY NOTICED SOME DISCREPANCIES!
FOR INSTANCE?
FOR INSTANCE, THE FACT THAT THE BROWN FAMILY DOESN'T EXIST!
MY COLLEAGUE, JOEL McTIENNAN! HE DOESN'T TALK MUCH... AND HE NORMALLY BITES!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? THE HEATHERFIELD CITY HALL HAS DOCUMENTS THAT...
...ARE FALSE! WE HAD THEM EXAMINED BY EXPERTS! WE'RE WELL INFORMED!
BY THE WAY... ONE OF THESE GIRLS IS YOUR DAUGHTER, CORRECT?

"YEAH, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT SO WELL INFORMED AFTER ALL! THE GIRL YOU'RE POINTING TO IS..."
WILL! WIIILL!
WOOSH
SHUT THE DOOR, QUICK! IT'S GETTING CRAZY IN HERE!
MEOW
BAU BAU
CLUD
?
?
WHEW! HI, MATT! WHAT A DAY...

THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THEY WERE GOING BERSERK A SECOND AGO! BUT THE MOMENT THEY HEARD YOUR VOICE...
UMM... IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE!
LOOK AT PEPE! HE'S EATING! HE HASN'T TOUCHED HIS FOOD ALL DAY!
PEPE FOOD! FOOD! SQUAWK!
WELL, MATT HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT ANIMALS ARE... WHAT'S THE WORD? EMPATHETIC! THEY REACT TO MY MOOD!
HAVE I EVER THANKED YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE AT THE SHOP?
AND RIGHT NOW, I'M REALLY IN A GREAT MOOD!
DON'T MENTION IT! YOU KNOW I LIKE HELPING OUT YOUR GRANDPA!
I KNOW, BUT YOU GAVE UP YOUR CHRISTMAS VACATION! AND FOR WHAT?
JUST TO HANG AROUND THESE ANIM...
AROUND YOU! SQUAWK! AROUND YOU!
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I COULD SWEAR PEPE JUST...
JUST STARTED RAMBLING! JUST AN OLD, BALDING PARROT, SQUAWKING AWAY!
FORGET EMPATHETIC! THESE ANIMALS CAN HEAR WHAT I'M THINKING!
THINKING! SQUAWK! THINKING!
NOW THAT'S A PARTY! DID YOU SEE WHO LIVENED UP NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LODELYDAY?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT PLACE! IT'S HEATHERFIELD'S MOST EXPENSIVE RESTAURANT!
JACKIE GILLIGAN! YOU MET HER! REMEMBER?
GRUNT! WHO COULD FORGET A FAKE LIKE HER?
FAKE! FA...GNFFF!
GULP! I'LL HAVE TO BE A BIT MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I THINK!
I TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT HER... I ONCE HAD A CRUSH ON HER! I EVEN DREAMED OF INVITING HER TO THE LODELYDAY!
CALM DOWN, WILL! STAY CALM, WILL!
I WAS REALLY HOOKED ON HER! NOT BECAUSE SHE'S A KNOCKOUT OR OLDER THAN ME, BUT BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS KNEW HOW TO SURPRISE ME!
SRRRR!

FRUSSHH
SPEAKING OF SURPRISES! LOOKS LIKE GRANDPA LEFT THE HOUSE, RHEUMATISM OR NO RHEUMATISM!

HEY! SOME FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND IS PEEKING OUT OF THE BACK OF HIS VAN!
IT'LL BE SOME INJURED ANIMAL, NO DOUBT! HE NURSES THEM BACK TO HEALTH AND THEN HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT THEM!

HI, KIDS! MAKE WAY FOR AN OLD FRIEND!
WOOSH

HEY! IT'S HEFTY! JACKIE GILLIGAN'S PUPPY!
I DON'T NORMALLY WORK AS A DOG SITTER, BUT YOUR FRIEND WILL HELP ME PAY THE BILLS!

WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HER A MINUTE AGO, WEREN'T YE, WILL?
GRRR!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THEM ALL?
FAKE! SQUAAAWK! FAAAAKE!
WOFF WOFF
?
MEOOW
BAU
BAU BAU

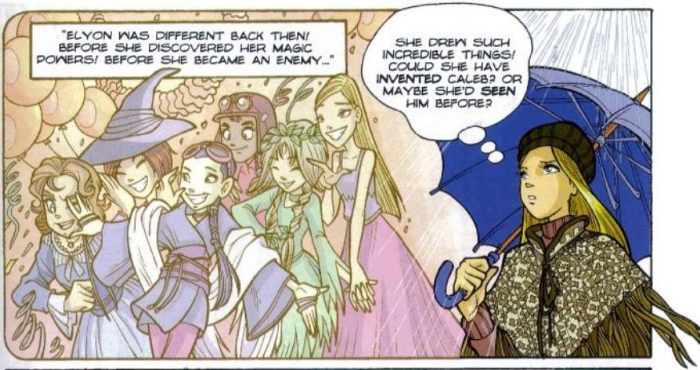
LATER, AT THE SILVER DRAGON, AT THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...
COME ON, MR. LIN! LET YOUR DAUGHTER GO OUT! IRMA'S WAITING FOR US!
I'M SORRY, CORNELIA! HAY HAS TO HELP ME CLEAN UP THE RESTAURANT!
WHAT A MESS! I BET IT'S ALL LEFT OVER FROM THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!
YEAH! DISTRACT MY DAD! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
HAY LIN SAYS YOU'RE AN ORNITHOLOGIST! IS IT TRUE?
HUH? I'M NOT EXACTLY AN EXPERT ON BIRDS, BUT I KNOW A THING OR TWO!
I CAN'T SEE VERY WELL THROUGH ALL THIS RAIN! THE BIRD OUT THERE, IS THAT A CROW?
JUST TO SAY IT WITH A BIT OF FLAIR... POWERS OF AIR, OBEY ME!
SSSHHH
WOOOOOOOW
STEP ASIDE, TARANEE!

THAT, UP THERE, UNDER THAT LEDGE? IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A JACKDAW!
A WHAT? SO HOW'S IT DIFFERENT FROM A CROW?
WOOOSSHH
WELL... THANKS ANYWAY! I UNDERSTOOD ALMOST ALL OF IT!
DON'T MENTION IT, CORNELIA! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS OBSERVE THE PLUMAGE AND...
WHAT THE?
CAN I GO OUT NOW, DAD?
Y-YES! BUT HOW... HOW... HOW DID YOU GET TO...
YOUR EXPLANATION WAS A BIT LONG, BUT INTERESTING! SEE YOU AROUND, MR. LIN!

FRUUUSSH!
THE SILVER DRAGON
CHINESE RESTAURANT
WHAT NASTY WEATHER! IT'D BE NICE IF IRMA WERE HERE TO USE HER POWERS OVER WATER!
WELL, LET IT RAIN! NO NEED TO CRY! MY HANDY UMBRELLA WILL KEEP US DRY!
NO OFFENSE, CORNELIA, BUT EVEN IRMA'S BETTER WITH RHYMES!
SO WHAT'S THE DEAL? HAVE YOU GUYS STARTED UP A FAN CLUB FOR THE BUTTERBALL, OR WHAT?
PROBLEM SOLVED, GUYS!
ALL IT TOOK WAS A PHONE CALL TO FIND A WAY TO AVOID ALL THIS RAIN!
HEY! HOP IN, IF YOU CAN MANAGE TO FIND ROOM BETWEEN THE SURFBOARDS!
OH, NO! IT'S PETER! TARANEE'S BROTHER!
SCREEEEKK

HAY LIN AND I ARE PRETTY SMALL, SO WE'LL GET IN BACK! RIDE IN FRONT, CORNELIA!
NO!
I MEAN... I CAN'T! THANKS ANYWAY. I HAVE TO... UM... RUN AN ERRAND! FOR MY MOTHER!
NO PROBLEM, I'LL TAKE YOU! WHERE DO YOU NEED TO GO?
?
ON FOOT! I NEED TO WALK THERE! TO AN AUNT'S HOUSE, NEAR HERE! SEE YOU AT IRMA'S, OKAY?
SO I'LL SEE YOU AROUND! HUH?
SURE THING! SEE YOU SOON! AND SAY HI TO YOUR FOLKS FOR ME!
CORNELIA HAS RELATIVES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD? DID YOU KNOW THAT?
ALL I KNOW IS THAT...
...WHEN SHE'S AROUND YOUR BROTHER, SHE SUDDENLY GETS ALL NERVOUS!

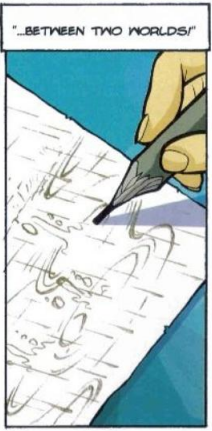
SAY HI TO YOUR FOLKS! DID I SAY THAT? WHY DIDN'T A BOLT OF LIGHTNING JUST STRIKE ME INSTEAD?
HOW EMBARRASSING! I LIKE PETER, BUT I LOVE CALEB!
AND THAT'S WHERE BLYON IS, TOO! SHE WAS ALWAYS MY VERY BEST FRIEND!
EVEN IF HE'S FAR AWAY RIGHT NOW... BEYOND THE VEIL! IN ANOTHER WORLD, IN MERIDIAN!
"SHE WAS THE ONE WHO DREW CALEB, YEARS AGO! SHE TOLD ME THAT ONE DAY I'D MEET HIM!"
"AND IT HAPPENED! FOR BOTH OF US, IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT! LIKE IN A BOOK OR A ROMANTIC MOVIE!"


"ELYON WAS DIFFERENT BACK THEN! BEFORE SHE DISCOVERED HER MAGIC POWERS! BEFORE SHE BECAME AN ENEMY..."
SHE DREW SUCH INCREDIBLE THINGS! COULD SHE HAVE INVENTED CALEB? OR MAYBE SHE'D SEEN HIM BEFORE?

MAYBE FOR ELYON, DRAWING WAS A WAY TO SEE THE PLACE WHERE SHE WAS BORN: MERIDIAN!

"A WAY TO TRY TO MOVE THROUGH IMPENETRABLE BARRIERS, LIKE THE VEIL..."

"...AND, WITHOUT REALIZING IT, TO BUILD SOME SORT OF BRIDGE..."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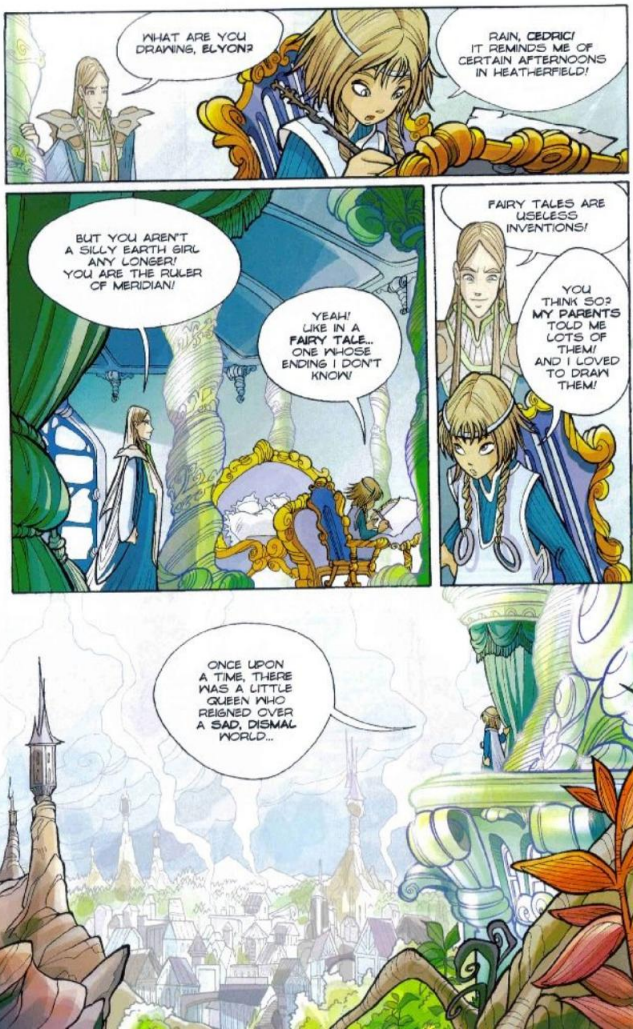
WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING, ELYON?
RAIN, CEDRIC! IT REMINDS ME OF CERTAIN AFTERNOONS IN HEATHERFIELD!
BUT YOU AREN'T A SILLY EARTH GIRL ANY LONGER! YOU ARE THE RULER OF MERIDIAN!
YEAH! LIKE IN A FAIRY TALE... ONE WHOSE ENDING I DON'T KNOW!
FAIRY TALES ARE USELESS INVENTIONS!
YOU THINK SO? MY PARENTS TOLD ME LOTS OF THEM! AND I LOVED TO DRAW THEM!
ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A LITTLE QUEEN WHO REIGNED OVER A SAD, DISMAL WORLD...

YOUR PARENTS? YOU MEAN THOSE TRAITORS WHO KIDNAPPED YOU?
CEDRIC!
YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH HARM THEY DID YOU, THOSE TWO UNWORTHY OFFICERS!
STOP IT!
IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM THAT PRINCE PHOBOS SUFFERED! THE PEOPLE HAD LOST ALL HOPE AND...
STOP IT, I SAID!
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YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THEM! YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT THEM LIKE THAT!
ROOOUUUMBLE
I.. I.. FORGIVE ME!
CRUNK
FORGIVE YOU? BUT WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
TUMP

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING HURTS, ELYON! I'M THE ONLY PERSON YOU CAN TRUST COMPLETELY!
OH, REALLY? FINE! SO TELL ME WHERE MY WORLD IS! BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE ONE OUT THERE!
ONCE, AT LEAST, I HAD A MOTHER AND FATHER! I HAD FRIENDS AND...
ONCE, YOU DIDN'T HAVE A KINGDOM TO TAKE CARE OF! YOU'RE CLEARLY JUST AFRAID!
DON'T WORRY! I'M HERE FOR YOU! AND NOTHING IS STRONGER THAN A FRATERNAL BOND!
PRINCE PHOBOS!
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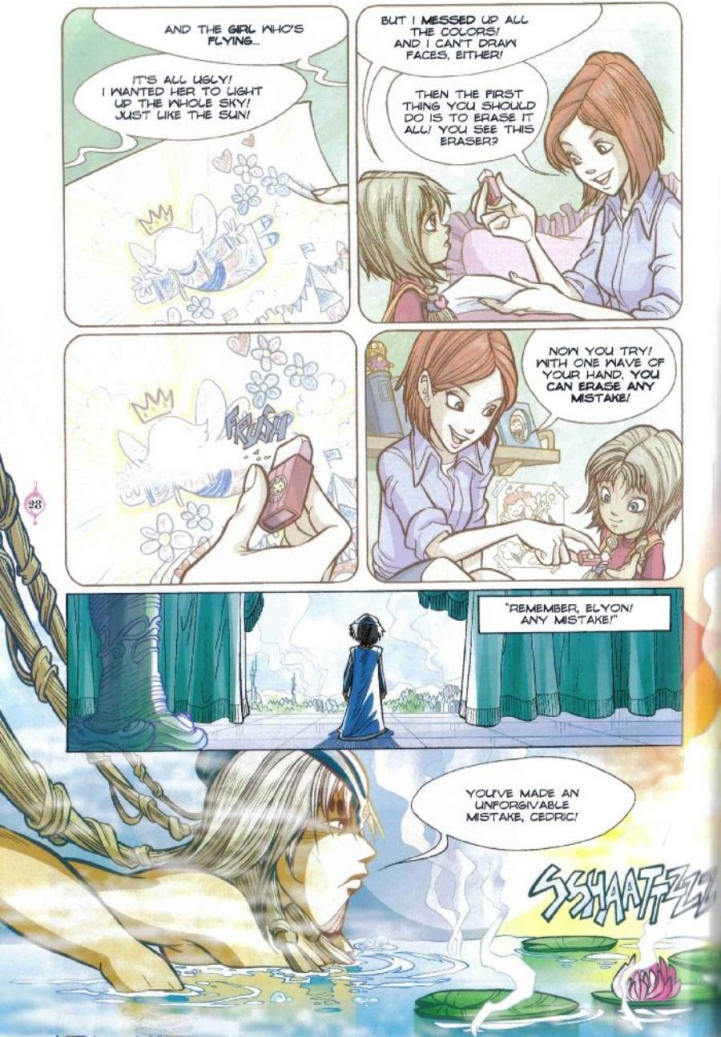
WOULD YOU LIKE CEDRIC TO LEAVE THIS ROOM FOREVER, DEAR SISTER?
THANK YOUR LUCKY STAR, YOU FOOL! WAIT FOR ME IN THE GARDEN!
YES, MY LORD!
I'M THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN, RIGHT?
THAT IS THE TITLE THAT AWAITS YOU, THE TITLE THAT WILL SOON BE YOURS!
N-NO! I'M REALLY CONFUSED! I'LL SPEAK TO HIM LATER!

I SPOKE WITH MY PARENTS... MY ADOPTIVE ONES, IN PRISON! I WANT TO GRANT THEM THEIR FREEDOM!
AH! A WISE DECISION! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT BEFORE DOING SO!
THE POWER OF THE DYNASTY IS HANDED DOWN ALONG THE FEMALE LINE AND I WILL GLADLY RELINQUISH THE BURDEN OF THE CROWN TO YOU!
UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ASSUME FULL POWERS ONLY AFTER THE CORONATION CEREMONY! YOU DO UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?
THE CORONATION? WHEN WILL IT BE HELD?
SOON, MY DEAR SISTER!
VERY SOON!
ALL RIGHT! EVEN IF THEY AREN'T MY REAL PARENTS, I'M HAPPY! WE'LL GET EVERYTHING STRAIGHTENED OUT! EVERYTHING!
THUMP
"SHE WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO ME! SHE EXPLAINED THINGS SO WELL! SHE WAS GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING!"
ARE YOU SAD, MOMMY? DON'T YOU LIKE THE CITY I DREW?
I'M NOT SAD, ELYON! IN FACT, IT REMINDS ME OF A PLACE I USED TO KNOW! MANY, MANY YEARS AGO!


AND THE GIRL WHO'S FLYING...
IT'S ALL UGLY! I WANTED HER TO LIGHT UP THE WHOLE SKY! JUST LIKE THE SUN!
BUT I MESSED UP ALL THE COLORS! AND I CAN'T DRAW FACES, EITHER!
THEN THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD DO IS TO ERASE IT ALL! YOU SEE THIS ERASER?
FRUSH
NOW YOU TRY! WITH ONE WAVE OF YOUR HAND, YOU CAN ERASE ANY MISTAKE!
"REMEMBER, ELYON! ANY MISTAKE!"
YOU'VE MADE AN UNFORGIVABLE MISTAKE, CEDRIC!
SSHAATTZZ

YOU'VE INSTILLED DOUBT IN ELYON! HER FAITH IS WAVERING! AND THAT IS BAD!
I-I don't understand! She's always believed in me and in what I tell her!
THINGS HAVE CHANGED! THE SIGN WAS CLEAR! YOU FELT HER RAGE AS WELL, DIDN'T YOU?
SHE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY OF US! EVEN ME!
SHAAATTTZZZZ
Are you talking about that seismic tremor? But she isn't powerful enough to...
I have to learn to keep quiet!
HERS IS A CONCEALED POWER THAT SHOULD SHOW ITSELF WITH PHYSICAL MATURITY!
YET NOW WE RISK SEEING HER GAIN FULL AWARENESS OF HER POWERS BEFORE IT IS TIME!
IF THOSE TWO OFFICERS HADN'T KIDNAPPED HER WHEN SHE WAS STILL A BABY, I WOULD HAVE ABSORBED HER ENERGY BY NOW!

"HELPED BY THE WET-NURSE GALGHEITA", THOSE TRAITORS TOOK MY SISTER TO EARTH! THEY WANTED TO KEEP HER HIDDEN AWAY FROM ME!"
*GALGHEITA WAS THE NAME OF PROFESSOR RUDOLF IN THE METAWORLD!
NOW, TO ABSORB HER VITAL FORCE, I'LL HAVE TO OVERCOME THE BARRIERS OF HER HESITANCY!
How will you do that, my lord?
THE CORONATION CEREMONY, CEDRIC!
AT WHICH ELYON WILL WEAR THE CROWN... FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME!
IN THE MEANTIME, THE TWO PRISONERS MUSTN'T SPEAK WITH HER! EVER AGAIN!
Some accident will befall them in prison! Elyon will never suspect a thing!
EXCELLENT! IF YOU DO A GOOD JOB, YOU MAY COME WITH ME TO THE ABYSS OF SHADOWS...
...AND THERE, YOU MAY DRINK FROM THE LEGENDARY BLACK SPRING!
Yes! Yes! Yes! The ultimate honor!
Soon I, too, will live in the palace! I'll become a Whisperer!

PHOBOS'S SINISTER PLOT IS REFLECTED IN THE GRIM SKIES OF MERIDIAN...
...YET EVEN THE SKY IN HEATHERFIELD TODAY IS FAR FROM CHEERY!
BRROOOOUUMM
MOM!
FIZ
MOM! THE PRESSURE COOKER'S WHISTLING!
SO SING, IRMA! THAT WAY WE'LL HAVE A NICE LITTLE CHORUS GOING!
FIIIIII
A CHORUS! HEE! HEE! HEE! A NICE LITTLE CHORUS!
NOW I KNOW WHY WE HAVE CHRISTOPHER! YOU NEEDED A SIDEKICK WHO WOULD LAUGH AT YOUR JOKES!
OF COURSE! YOU AND YOUR FATHER MAKE A TERRIBLE AUDIENCE!
HAND ME THE SALT, PLEASE!

YOU MADE ZUCCHINI? BUT I TOLD YOU CORNELIA DOESN'T LIKE ZUCCHINI!
SO? YOU DON'T LIKE CORNELIA EITHER!

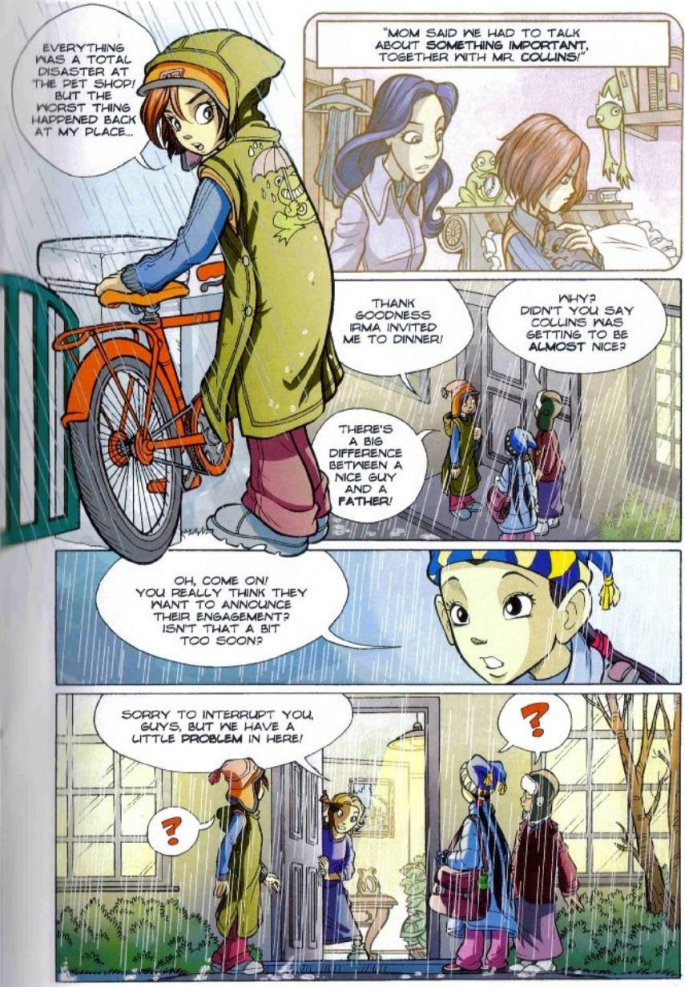
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW, TUBBY? SO WE'VE HAD A FEW ARGUMENTS! SO WHAT?
DON'T SAY MEAN THINGS, CHRIS! ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE COMPANY!

SPEAKING OF COMPANY, TAKE THESE APPETIZERS INTO THE DINING ROOM! OUR GUESTS MUST BE HUNGRY!
GOOD! LITTLE MR. BUTTINSKY IS OUT OF MY HAIR!

THE GIRLS SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE! I HAVE TO WARN THEM ABOUT THE NASTY SURPRISE!

"EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT ALL HERE YET!"
HEY! WAIT FOR ME!
WILL!
LOOK WHO'S HERE! WHY THE SAD PUPPY DOG FACE?

DON'T EVEN TALK TO ME ABOUT ANIMALS, OKAY?
OOOH! SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'D BETTER AVOID ANY TOPIC RELATED TO MATT!


EVERYTHING WAS A TOTAL DISASTER AT THE PET SHOP! BUT THE WORST THING HAPPENED BACK AT MY PLACE...
"MOM SAID WE HAD TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT, TOGETHER WITH MR. COLLINS!"
THANK GOODNESS IRMA INVITED ME TO DINNER!
WHY? DIDN'T YOU SAY COLLINS WAS GETTING TO BE ALMOST NICE?
THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NICE GUY AND A FATHER!
OH, COME ON! YOU REALLY THINK THEY WANT TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ENGAGEMENT? ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO SOON?
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, GUYS, BUT WE HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM IN HERE!
?
?

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...
HERE I AM! LATE, AS USUAL!
HUH?
A DRY PASSAGE THROUGH THE RAIN! THIS MUST BE IRMA'S DOING!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I THINK SHE'S IN A HURRY TO TALK TO ME!
PSSST! HURRY UP! MOVE IT, BEFORE SOMEONE SEES...
WHO IS IT?
YIKES!
FRUSH
HI, CORNELIA! YOU'RE ALL WET! WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR UMBRELLA?
I DIDN'T THINK I NEEDED IT A FEW SECONDS AGO!

EVERYTHING OKAY, IRMA?
OF COURSE, SWEETIE! COME RIGHT IN!
AH! WELL, YOU'RE SOAKING WET! LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO MY ROOM!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?
DUNNO! I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF THE SAME THING MY WHOLE LIFE!
CORNELIA, COULD YOU COME IN HERE FOR A MOMENT? THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET!
COMING, MR. LAIR!
...
HERE WE ARE! I DON'T NEED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR FRIENDS, OBVIOUSLY! THESE, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE AGENTS MEDINA AND McTIENNAN!
HELLO THERE!
HI!
THEY WORK FOR INTERPOL! AND THEY'RE NOT HERE ON VACATION! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

IRMA! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO...
ACTUALLY, MR LAIR TOLD US ABOUT YOUR LITTLE GET-TOGETHER THIS EVENING...
...AND WAS SO KIND AS TO INVITE US TO DINNER!
THE FACT IS, WE'RE INVESTIGATING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A FRIEND OF YOURS!
ELYON!
YEP! WE STARTED OUR INVESTIGATION IN AUBRY, WHERE HER PARENTS' CAR WAS FOUND!
THESE PICTURES! THEY MUST HAVE SEARCHED ELYON'S HOUSE!
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, YOU TWO WERE VERY CLOSE!
WE SURE WERE! COULD YOU REPEAT YOUR NAME, MISS...
CALL ME MARIA! HE'S JOEL! TO OUR COLLEAGUES, WE'RE... BIG GUY AND SMALL FRY!
WHO KNOWS WHY!
MISS... MEDINA! AM I RIGHT? WELL, I'D PREFER NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE MATTER!
?

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE DEFENSIVE! WE DON'T WANT TO INTERROGATE YOU! WE...
UM! COULD YOU HELP ME GET THIS JAR OPEN?

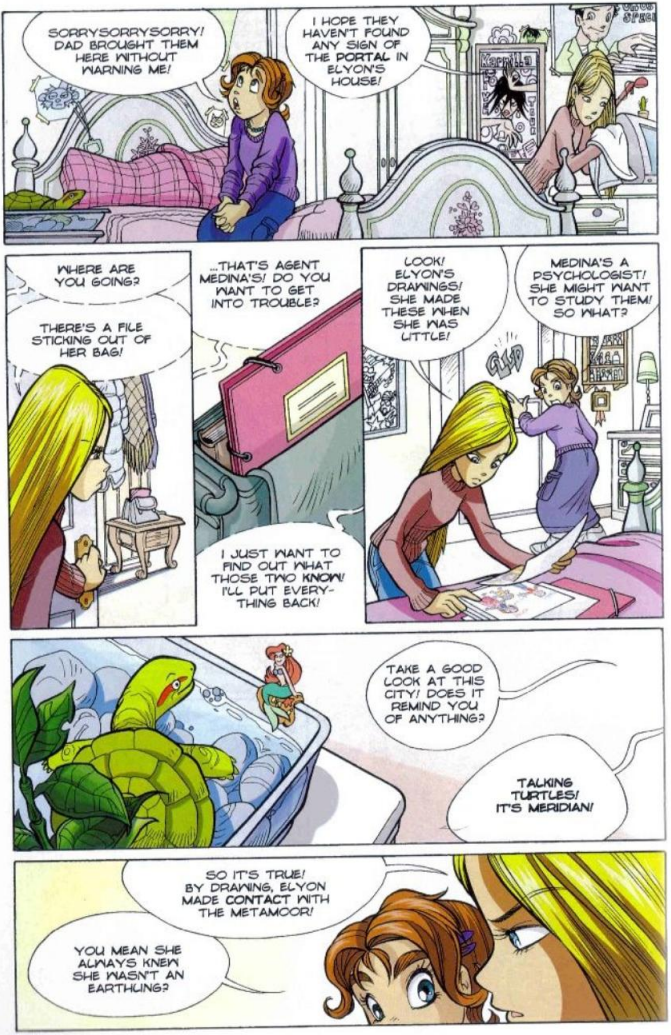
I'LL TAKE THIS MOMENT TO GET CORNELIA SOME DRY CLOTHES! COMING, CORNY?
HUH? OH, YEAH!

HEAR THAT? SHE'S CATCHING A COLD! GO AHEAD AND START WITHOUT US! BYE, BYE!
AT-CHOO!

MR. LAIR SAYS THAT YOU'RE AN EXPERT IN PEDAGOGY, RIGHT?

NOT REALLY, WILL! I DEAL WITH CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY!
AH! AND YOU, MR. MCTIENNAN, WHAT DO YOU DEAL WITH?

I DEAL WITH... EVERYTHING ELSE!
CLUNK


SORRYSORRYSORRY! DAD BROUGHT THEM HERE WITHOUT WARNING ME!
I HOPE THEY HAVEN'T FOUND ANY SIGN OF THE PORTAL IN ELYON'S HOUSE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THERE'S A FILE STICKING OUT OF HER BAG!
...THAT'S AGENT MEDINA'S! DO YOU WANT TO GET INTO TROUBLE?
I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THOSE TWO KNOW! I'LL PUT EVERY-THING BACK!
LOOK! ELYON'S DRAWINGS! SHE MADE THESE WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE!
MEDINA'S A PSYCHOLOGIST! SHE MIGHT WANT TO STUDY THEM! SO WHAT?
GULP
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THIS CITY! DOES IT REMIND YOU OF ANYTHING?
TALKING TURTLES! IT'S MERIDIAN!
SO IT'S TRUE! BY DRAWING, ELYON MADE CONTACT WITH THE METAMOOR!
YOU MEAN SHE ALWAYS KNEW SHE WASN'T AN EARTHLING?

NO! I THINK SHE DID IT WITHOUT REALIZING ANYTHING!
BUT MERIDIAN'S DARK AND DEPRESSING! THIS PLACE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS BRIGHT AND CHEERY!
MAYBE THAT IS HOW IT USED TO BE LIKE! MAYBE THAT'S THE MERIDIAN OF THE PAST!
OR EVEN MERIDIAN OF THE FUTURE!
SEE THIS GIRL FLYING AROUND? HER FACE WAS SMUDGED BY A DROP OF WATER!
BUT WATER IS MY ELEMENT, AND I...
...CAN RECONSTRUCT THE FEATURES OF HER FACE TO SHOW...
"...ELYON! THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!"
End of part one.

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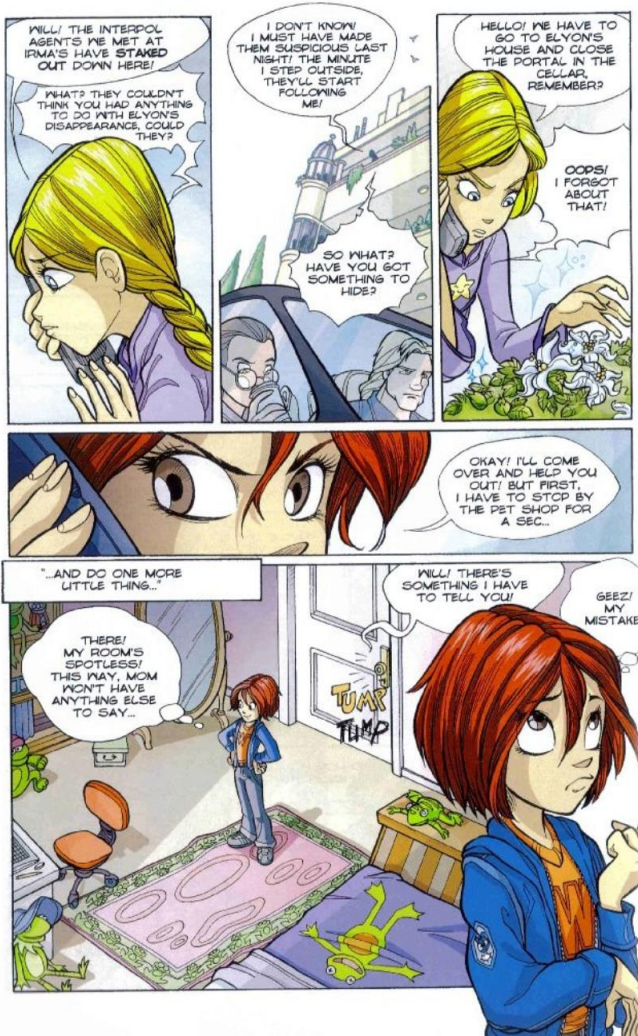
AND SO, THE NEXT MORNING, WILL WAKES UP WITH A START! SHE HAD BEEN DREAMING OF IRMA, CORNELIA, ELYON AND...
ALARM CLOCK! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOUR DREAMS, WILL! IT MUST BE FROM THE HEAVY MEAL YOU ATE LAST NIGHT!
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT I ATE AND DREAMT OF? YOU'RE SPYING, HUH? WANT ME TO PUT YOUR BATTERIES INTO YOUR FROG-SHAPED COMPETITOR?
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'D MANAGE TO FIND THAT, IN THIS MESS!
M-MOM! H-HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF! COME ON, BREAKFAST IS READY!

I HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL! IF MOM FOUND OUT I TALK TO ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES...
WILL! I DON'T ASK MUCH FROM YOU...
...BUT YOU COULD DO AT LEAST ONE THING! JUST ONE! IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?
OH, BOY! GET READY TO BE NAGGED!
YOUR ROOM! YOU HAVE GOT TO CLEAN IT UP, ONCE AND FOR ALL! AND YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT THIS MORNING!
THIS MORNING? I MEAN, RIGHT NOW? I MEAN, RIGHT AWAY? I MEAN, RIGHT THIS SECOND?
NOW! IN FIVE MINUTES! AS LONG AS YOU DO IT! GOT IT?
I'M SORRY, HONEY! IT'S JUST THAT THE HOUSE IS A WRECK AND I...
HAVE A NICE BREAKFAST!

UM... CAN I DO ANYTHING?
YEAH! PUT YOURSELF ON SNOOZE!
T-BLUNK
FINE! THEN I WON'T TELL YOU THAT YOUR CELL PHONE RANG!
HUH? REALLY?
PHONE, PHONE, PHONE... WHERE ON EARTH ARE YOU?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND TELL ME WHO CALLED!
I DIDN'T HEAR THE MAGIC WORD! DID YOU HEAR IT, ALARM CLOCK?
DON'T ASK ME! I'M SNOOZING!
"ALRIGHT ALREADY! PLEASE!"
YEAH, I'M THE ONE WHO CALLED YOU, WILL! I CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHERS!
HAY LIN IS TALKING TO RIVA, AND TARANEE IS TALKING TO A CERTAIN NIGEL!
HMMPPH! I'M DOWN HERE! YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER ONCE IN A WHILE!
AND HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT?
THAT WAS MY NOSY PHONE TALKING!
I HEARD IT THROUGH THE PHONE LINE GRAPEVINE! THAT'S ALL!


WILL! THE INTERPOL AGENTS WE MET AT IRMA'S HAVE STAKED OUT DOWN HERE!
WHAT? THEY COULDN'T THINK YOU HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ELYON'S DISAPPEARANCE, COULD THEY?
I DON'T KNOW. I MUST HAVE MADE THEM SUSPICIOUS LAST NIGHT! THE MINUTE I STEP OUTSIDE, THEY'LL START FOLLOWING ME!
SO WHAT? HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE?
HELLO! WE HAVE TO GO TO ELYON'S HOUSE AND CLOSE THE PORTAL IN THE CELLAR, REMEMBER?
OOPS! I FORGOT ABOUT THAT!
OKAY! I'LL COME OVER AND HELP YOU OUT! BUT FIRST, I HAVE TO STOP BY THE PET SHOP FOR A SEC...
"...AND DO ONE MORE LITTLE THING..."
WILL! THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU!
GEEZ! MY MISTAKE!
THERE! MY ROOM'S SPOTLESS! THIS WAY, MOM WON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY...
TUMP TUMP

ACTUALLY, I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU LAST NIGHT! BUT YOU WERE AT IRMA'S AND...
AND YOU WERE AT COLLINS' PLACE! SO WE'RE EVEN!

DEAN WAS HELPING ME MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION!
YEAH, RIGHT! I BET HE WAS HITTING ON HER ALL NIGHT, THE CREEP!

PLEASE, WILL...
OH MY GOSH... HER VOICE! SHE'S CRYING! MAYBE I'D BETTER NOT PUSH IT!

I'LL OPEN UP! BUT I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY TEARS, AND...
T. CLAVIC

...VATHEK?

BATH... WHAT?

DID I PICK A BAD TIME, GUARDIAN?
YOU PICKED A BAD TIME, BAD PLACE AND BAD ENTRANCE, YOU APE!
HEY!
STUMP
WILL! IS THIS SOME KIND OF MEAN JOKE?
I THOUGHT I COULD TALK CIVILLY WITH YOU! BUT I WAS WRONG!
WHATDOIDO? WHATDOIDO? WHAT DO I DO?
WELL, GET READY TO LISTEN UP, BECAUSE I'M COMING IN AND...
OH! I SEE YOU'VE REALLY BEEN WORKING HARD!
YEAH! THAT IS, NO! UM... I MEAN, I STILL HAVE TO PUT A FEW THINGS IN THEIR PLACES, HERE AND THERE!

FINE! SO IT SEEMS WE'VE STOOPED DOWN TO PLAYING SPITEFUL TRICKS!
I HAVE TO GO NOW! WE'LL TALK WHEN YOU'VE GROWN UP!
?
CLUNK
IS SHE GONE?
YEAH, BUT HER FACE WAS BLUER THAN YOURS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN MERIDIAN?
I BRING A PLEA FOR HELP, GUARDIAN!
FROM ELYON!

"SHE CAME TO US ONE NIGHT, PUTTING HER OWN LIFE AT RISK AND BRAVING THE UNDERGROUND WORLD OF THE ENDLESS CITY!"
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CALEB, HE'S OUT RECRUITING REBELS IN YOUR NAME!
I'M HERE TO BEG YOU, VATHEK! YOU HAVE TO FREE MY ADOPTIVE PARENTS!
I KNOW THAT I DISOWNED THEM, BUT I'VE ALSO SEEN WHERE THEY'RE BEING KEPT! IT'S A HORRIBLE PLACE!
YOUR BROTHER CREATED THAT PRISON! THEY LOCK UP THOSE WHO THINK DIFFERENTLY FROM HIM THERE!
THEY'RE SUFFERING! I CAN SENSE IT! THEY'LL NEVER SURVIVE UNTIL MY CORONATION!
NO ONE CAN BREAK INTO THE PRISON, NOT EVEN ME! ASK THE GUARDIANS FOR HELP!
NO! EXCEPT FOR CORNELIA, THEY ALL HATE ME! I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'LL HELP ME!
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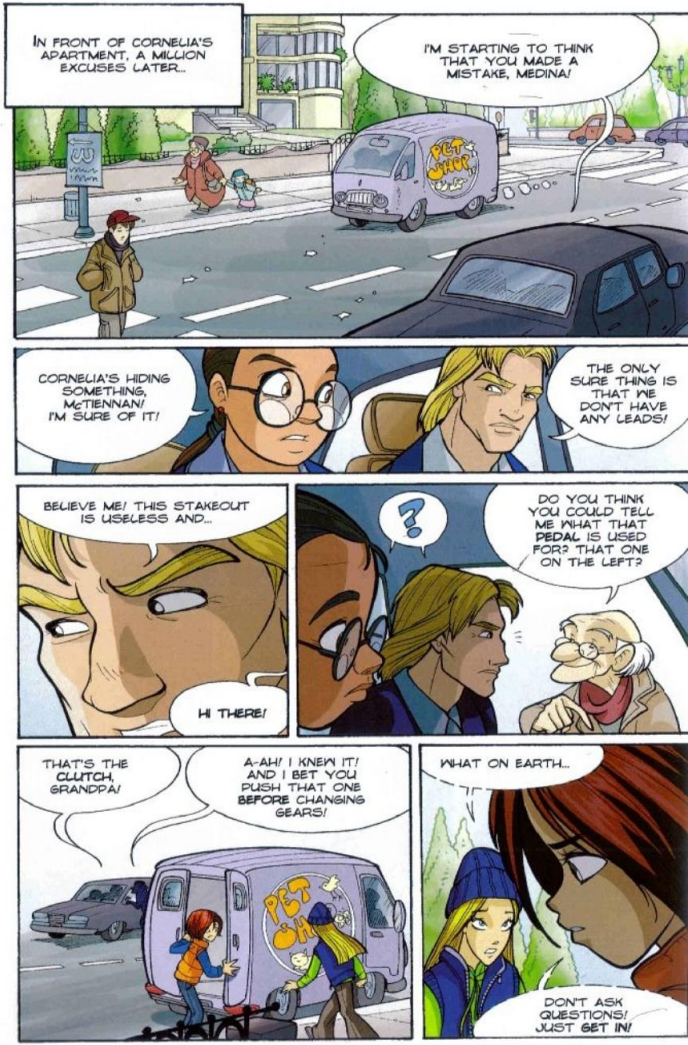
YOU DON'T BELIEVE...? I'M NOT EXACTLY A GENIUS...
...BUT IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT IF YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE, ELUDING PHOBOS' CONTROL, IT MEANS YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN HIM EITHER!
PERHAPS THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR YOU TO BELIEVE IN SOMEONE, LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!

"AND ELYON CHOSE YOU, THE GUARDIANS OF THE VEIL! HER FORMER FRIENDS!"
OKAY, LET'S IMAGINE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE! WHY DID YOU COME TO ME, VATHEK?
I'VE ALWAYS FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND MY WAY IN YOUR CONFUSING CITY...
HEATHERFIELD ISN'T MY CITY! AND AS IF YOURS IS EASY TO GET AROUND IN!
I ONLY REMEMBER HOW TO GET TO YOUR PLACE BECAUSE CEDRIC OFTEN KEPT AN EYE ON YOU!
I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW YOU MANAGED TO HIDE WHEN YOU WORKED FOR HIM!
HE WAS A MASTER OF TRICKERY! WE DIDN'T NEED SUCH RIDICULOUS MASQUERADES!
HEY! THOSE CLOTHES WERE ALL I COULD FIND! SO DEAL WITH IT, OKAY?
PEOPLE ARE STARING AT ME! WHEN I GOT HERE, NO ONE WAS AROUND!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS RAINING! WE HAVE TO GET TO CORNELIA'S WITHOUT LOOKING CONSPICUOUS!
I'VE GOT IT! GRANDFATHER OLSEN'S VAN! WE'LL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
DO YOU PLAN TO DISGUISE ME AS A BIRD OR A STONE?

"VERY FUNNY, VATHEK! ALL WE NEED TO DO IS GET TO THE PET SHOP AND..."
AND YOU INTEND TO GET AROUND IN THIS CONTRAPTION?
I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE! STEP ASIDE!
PET SHOP
OF ALL THE MIGHTY SPELLS! AN... OLD MAN?
IT'S A COPY OF MATT'S GRANDFATHER! HE KNOWS HOW TO DRIVE!
AT LEAST I HOPE SO! WHENEVER I CREATE AN ASTRAL DROP, I ALWAYS MESS SOMETHING UP!
HELLO THERE, PRETTY LADY!
UM... WAIT FOR ME IN THE VAN! I'LL FEED THE ANIMALS AND BE RIGHT BACK!
WHAT A MESS! I HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY TO HELP CORNELIA, THEN GET THE OTHER GIRLS TOGETHER AND...
EEEEK! MATT?
AAAH! WILL?

S-SORRY, BUT I DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE YOU HERE! DIDN'T YOU HAVE A PRACTICE WITH THE BAND?
THE DRUMMER WASN'T FEELING WELL, SO I THOUGHT I'D FEED THE ANIMALS!
BUT... I WAS SUPPOSED TO COME HERE AND DO THAT!
WELL, YEAH! I MEAN, I KNEW THAT! THAT'S WHY I STOPPED BY!
I WAS WONDERING... ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT?
HUH? ARE YOU KIDDING? OF COURSE I'M...
...NOT! THAT IS... MAYBE! UM... IT DEPENDS!
GOOD GRIEF! FIRST, I HAVE TO GO TO ANOTHER WORLD!
THAT'S GRANDPA OUT THERE! HE SAID HE'D BE COMING TO THE SHOP LATER ON!
UM... WE... WE JUST CAME HERE TOGETHER!
ACTUALLY, WE HAVE AN ERRAND TO RUN! YEAH! WE HAVE TO... UM... TO GET... UM...
NO! YEAH! MAYBE! IT DEPENDS! YOU'RE ALWAYS SO MYSTERIOUS AND... HUH?


IN FRONT OF CORNELIA'S APARTMENT, A MILLION EXCUSES LATER...
I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT YOU MADE A MISTAKE, MEDINA!
PET SHOP
CORNELIA'S HIDING SOMETHING, MCTIENNAN! I'M SURE OF IT!
THE ONLY SURE THING IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS!
BELIEVE ME! THIS STAKEOUT IS USELESS AND...
HI THERE!
?
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD TELL ME WHAT THAT PEDAL IS USED FOR? THAT ONE ON THE LEFT?
THAT'S THE CLUTCH, GRANDPA!
A-AH! I KNEW IT! AND I BET YOU PUSH THAT ONE BEFORE CHANGING GEARS!
PET SHOP
WHAT ON EARTH...
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! JUST GET IN!

DO YOU THINK HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE STICK, OR WAS HE JUST TRYING TO DISTRACT US?
I'D SAY HE'S CLUELESS! HE'S TRYING TO DRIVE OFF IN REVERSE!
WELL, THANKS AGAIN! I'LL START USING YOUR SUGGESTIONS RIGHT AWAY!
SKREEEEKK
PET SHOP
SKRIIIIIK
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT! LOOK! THE BACK OF THE VAN JUST OPENED UP...
...AND CORNELIA'S INSIDE!
SKREEEEKKK
WVROOOM

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? FOLLOW THEM!
I'M TRYING TO! I'M TRYING TO!
VARRR VVRRR
NOTHING! THE DARN CAR WON'T START! OPEN THE HOOD!
SLAM
McTIENNAN! DID YOU NOTICE SOMETHING BIZARRE INSIDE THAT VAN?
APART FROM THE OLD GUY OFF HIS ROCKER?
I THINK I SAW SOME SORT OF STRANGE GIANT IN THE BACK, TOGETHER WITH THE GIRL!
CLUNK
YOU THINK THAT'S STRANGE? I'VE HEARD OF AN AXLE-TREE... BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
WHAT DID YOU DO, CORNELIA?
THERE WAS A LITTLE PLANT SPROUTING UP OUT OF THE ASPHALT, UNDER THE CAR! I JUST HELPED IT GROW!

YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHAT VATHEK AND MATT'S GRANDPA ARE DOING HERE!
DO YOU MIND IF I EXPLAIN IT ALL LATER? I JUST MANAGED TO CONTACT THE OTHER GIRLS..
"...AND THE GROUP MEETING AT ELYON'S HOUSE IS STILL ON!"
NO! GOING TO MERIDIAN DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A GREAT IDEA TO ME!
I DON'T TRUST VATHEK! WHAT IF HE WENT BACK TO SERVING CEDRIC?
IRMA'S RIGHT! THIS COULD BE A TRAP!
WHY WON'T HE TELL US WHERE HE FOUND THE PORTAL HE CAME IN THROUGH?
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AAA-TCIUMM
...HE'S CAUGHT A STRANGE COLD!
YEAH! STRANGE IS THE RIGHT WORD! WHAT DO YOU THINK, CORINY?
I THINK WE'RE ALL DRESSED UP... AND THE PORTAL'S OPEN!
HE DOESN'T KNOW HIS WAY AROUND THE CITY! EVEN IF HE KNEW WHERE IT WAS, HE MIGHT HAVE A HARD TIME TELLING US HOW TO GET THERE, BECAUSE...
AND IF THERE'S ANY TRUTH TO HIS STORY, THEN WE HAVE TO GET MOVING! NOW!

MERIDIAN.
THE INFINITE CITY.
THE WRETCHED PRISON RISES UP ATOP A HILL, DEMANDING RESPECT AND INSTILLING FEAR...
BUT TODAY, THE ONES WHO FEEL UNEASY ARE THOSE GUARDING THE DISMAL PLACE...
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE THE SCUTTLERS SO NERVOUS?
IT'S, BECAUSE OF THE THUNDER, SIR! THOSE STRANGE EXPLOSIONS! THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE COMING FROM OVERHEAD...
SKRIIEKKK!
SKRIIEEE
F-TOOOM
F-TOOOM
F-TOOOM
F-TOOOM
"...BUT FROM UNDERGROUND!"
ET-ETOOUUM!
I CAD SO EDDY FURDER DAN DIS, GUARDIADS! SNIFF!
ACTUALLY, YOU'D JUST END UP DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF PHOBOS' ENTIRE ARMY, VATHEK!
ACCORDING TO YOUR DRAWING, THERE'S A REAL MAZE OF TUNNELS DOWN HERE!
THIS NASTY PLACE MUST BE FULL OF BUGS! WE COULD BE DOWN HERE FOR DAYS!
NOT NECESSARILY!

LOOK! RIGHT NOW WE'RE SEVEN FLOORS UNDERGROUND, IN THE SAME AREA AS THE CELLS!
AND REMEMBER, EARTH...
FTOOM
... IS MY ELEMENT!
IMPRESSIVE! SNIFF!
GREAT JOB, CORNELIA! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FLY UP THERE...
"...AND FIND ELYON'S PARENTS!"
WELL? IS HE STILL THERE, THAT SNAKE?
YES, DEAR! HE'S TALKING TO THE GUARD!

I'M SCARED! CEDRIC IS VERY DANGEROUS! COULD HE HAVE COME HERE FOR US?
IT'S VERY LIKELY! HE'S POINTING STRAIGHT AT US!
I BEG YOUR PARDON, MY LORD?
You heard me! Open that cell and let the prisoners out!
That lever! Is that what controls the opening to the scuttler's cage?
HUH? YES, SIRE! BUT IT'S BETTER NOT TO TOUCH IT! THAT MONSTER HASN'T EATEN YET!
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Poor creature! Well, we should see to it that he gets fed right away!
CLANK
THOMAS! THE DOOR! SOMEONE'S OPENED IT!
STAY CLOSE TO ME, ELEANOR!
CLANK
WELL?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! CEDRIC'S DISAPPEARED, TOGETHER WITH THE GUARD, AND...
SKRITTEEK

SKRRIIEEEKK
MAY THE LIGHT PROTECT US! THEY'VE LET A SCUTTLER LOOSE!
AH!
WHACK
ELEANOR!
SKRIIEEKK
SEE WHAT I MEAN? I TOLD YOU THIS PLACE WAS FULL OF BUGS!
STAY BACK, YOU BIG ROACH!
GOOD GOING, HAY LIN! GIVE HIM A BIG BLAST OF AIR! MAYBE HE'LL CATCH PNEUMONIA!
WOOOOOOOSSHH
HEY...

THIS MUST BE A PRETTY TOUGH MONSTER! THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR WANTS TO HELP US!
AH!
FRANTZ
ELEANOR! IT'S THEM! THE GUARDIANS OF THE VEIL!
HUH? WHERE'D IT GO?
EEEEEW! HOW GROSS! NOW IT'S REALLY GIVING ME THE CREEPS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR SHRUNK IT!
SKREEEK?
IT DID A LOT MORE THAN THAT, WILL!
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT IT OPENED UP ALL OF THE CELLS!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, A STRANGE COMMOTION RUNS THROUGH THE STREETS OF MERIDIAN...
HURRY UP, HALGART! CALL THE OTHERS! CALL EVERYONE!
IT'S A GOOD THING I LEFT THE PALACE! SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON!
WHAT ELYON IS SEEING IS SOMETHING SHE WOULD NEVER HAVE EXPECTED...
GET THE LITTLE ONES INSIDE! IT'S AN UPRISING! THE PRISON IS OPEN!
...THE SOLDIERS TRYING TO CONTROL THE CROWDS...
...AND HER OLD FRIENDS, CARRIED OUT TRIUMPHANTLY ON THE PRISONERS' SHOULDERS...
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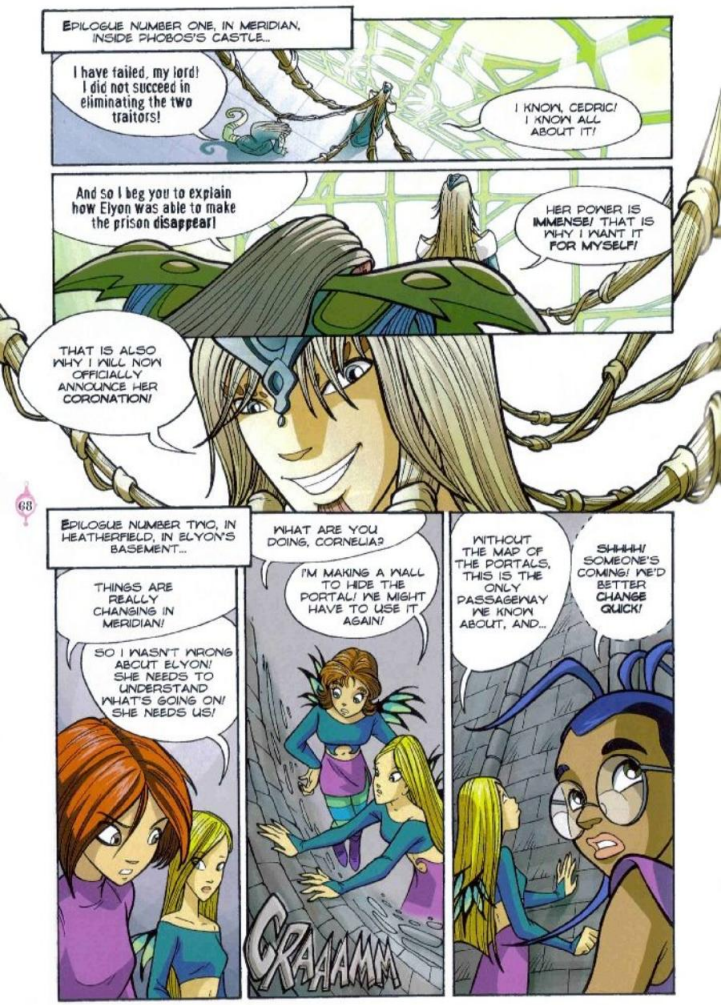
...AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS UNSPEAKABLE CONFUSION...
YES! IT'S THEM! BUT SHE'S HURT! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO HER?
THE AREA IS OFF LIMITS! MOVE BACK, PEASANT!
THAT'S MY BROTHER DOWN THERE! DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
I BELIEVE YOU, YOU DOG! THE PRISON IS THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR SCUM LIKE YOU!
SHHTZZZ
NO!

NO!
WHAT THE...
THAT HORRIBLE PLACE IS NO SOLUTION! IT'S A MISTAKE!
A MISTAKE!
IN A FLASH, THOSE WORDS COME BACK TO HER...
YOU CAN ERASE ANY MISTAKE!
ELYON'S MIND IS CLOUDED WITH SHOCK. DESPERATION. OUTRAGE...
...AND SHE REMEMBERS THAT SIMPLE, DEFINITE GESTURE...
ANY...
FRUSH
A GESTURE SHE NOW REPEATS, MECHANICALLY, WITHOUT THINKING...
...MISTAKE!

In one, fleeting moment, the entire prison of Meridian **disappears**, by Elyon's will...
...for the woman who, deep in her heart, she still considers her mother...
...for the citizens who she is beginning to consider her own people...
...forever.

ONE INSTANT...
OH!
ONE GLANCE...
ELYON?
ONE WORD...
MOM?
AT TIMES, IT TAKES VERY LITTLE TO COMPLETELY CHANGE PEOPLE'S DESTINIES...
IT'S HER! ELYON! THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!
...AND TO DIVIDE THEM.
DID YOU SEE THAT? SHE DESTROYED THE PRISON!
LONG LIVE THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!
SHE'S COME FOR US!

ELYON!
SHE'S TOO FAR AWAY, CORNELIA! LET'S MOVE! IT'LL BE EASIER TO DISAPPEAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CROWD!
THESE REBELS WILL TAKE US TO SAFETY, ELEANOR! LET'S GO!
COMING, THOMAS! YOU.. YOU HEARD HER, TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
DID YOU HEAR WHAT SHE CALLED ME?
MOM!


EPILOGUE NUMBER ONE, IN MERIDIAN, INSIDE PHOBOS'S CASTLE...
I have failed, my lord! I did not succeed in eliminating the two traitors!
I KNOW, CEDRIC! I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!
And so I beg you to explain how Elyon was able to make the prison disappear!
HER POWER IS IMMENSE! THAT IS WHY I WANT IT FOR MYSELF!
THAT IS ALSO WHY I WILL NOW OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE HER CORONATION!
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EPILOGUE NUMBER TWO, IN HEATHERFIELD, IN ELYON'S BASEMENT...
THINGS ARE REALLY CHANGING IN MERIDIAN!
SO I WASN'T WRONG ABOUT ELYON! SHE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON! SHE NEEDS US!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CORNELIA?
I'M MAKING A WALL TO HIDE THE PORTAL! WE MIGHT HAVE TO USE IT AGAIN!
KRAAAMM
WITHOUT THE MAP OF THE PORTALS, THIS IS THE ONLY PASSAGEWAY WE KNOW ABOUT, AND...
SHHH! SOMEONE'S COMING! WE'D BETTER CHANGE QUICK!

THIS WAY, McTIERNAN! I THOUGHT I SAW A LIGHT COMING FROM THE BASEMENT!
STRANGE! THE ELECTRICITY'S OUT!
HI! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THESE PARTS?
NO ONE COULD FIND YOU GUYS, AND WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HERE!
AND, IN ANY CASE, WE COULD ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION!
LATER ON, IN FRONT OF CORNELIA'S HOUSE...
THANKS FOR GOING WITH ME, WILL! IN FACT, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
ARE YOU KIDDING? THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE SHOOK OFF THOSE AGENTS!
DO YOU THINK THEY BOUGHT THE STORY ABOUT HAVING A GET-TOGETHER IN MEMORY OF ELYON, AT HER HOUSE?
I DOUBT IT! BUT I COULDN'T COME UP WITH ANY-THING BETTER...
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"...AND MISS MEDINA REALLY SHOWED US HOW TOUGH SHE WAS..."
LET'S GO! WE DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO KEEP THE GIRLS HERE ANY LONGER!
I'M TELLING YOU, THERE WAS A GIANT IN THE BACK OF THIS VAN! A REAL MONSTER AND...
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S ONE GIANT DOG!
WOFF
WOFF

HEY THERE! YOU FOLLOWED ME ALL THE WAY HERE, DID YOU?
ACHOO!
YEAH, BUT WE HAD TO RENT A CAR TO DO IT!
THAT WAS KIND OF YOU, BUT THERE WAS NO NEED! I KNOW HOW TO CHANGE GEARS NOW!
LET'S GO! SNIFF! I'M ALLERGIC TO WISE GUYS... AND DOG FUR!
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE EVEN VATHEK WAS ALLERGIC TO HIM! THAT MUST BE WHY HE WAS SNEEZING!
BY THE WAY, THIS MUST BE HIS! I FOUND IT IN THE VAN!
A TOKEN! WHY DO YOU THINK IT BELONGS TO HIM?
I DON'T KNOW! IT'S JUST A FUNNY FEELING! I CAN SENSE SOME SORT OF VIBRATION!
"WHEN WE GOT BACK TO THE SHOP, WE FOUND MATT'S REAL GRANDPA TAKING A NAP..."
TAKING THE DOG WAS A GREAT IDEA!
I NEEDED AN EXCUSE TO EXPLAIN THE ASTRAL DROP TO MATT!

"INSTINCTIVELY, THE ASTRAL DROP WENT BACK INTO HIS REAL BODY..."
"...WHICH GAVE HIM THE MEMORY OF EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED..."
WHAT A DREAM! YOU AND I WERE WITH THIS BIG, BLUE GIANT DRESSED AS A WOMAN...
...AND THEN YOU FOUND MATT'S NOTE?
AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THE LODELYDAY! THE COOLEST PLACE IN THE WHOLE CITY!
XWILL
WILL! DO YOU REALIZE THAT, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, WE'RE GETTING ALONG PERFECTLY?
YEAH! BUT THEN, WE'RE NOT REALLY SO DIFFERENT! AND THIS CITY ISN'T SO BAD, AFTER ALL!
YOU KNOW WHAT I SAY? I REALLY THINK THAT FROM NOW ON, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE A LOT BETTER!
SIMULTECH FACILITIES, INDUSTRIAL ZONE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF HEATHERFIELD...
THIS COMPANY CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE A GREAT WORKER LIKE YOU, SUSAN!
YOU WON'T BE LOSING ME! ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS A TRANSFER!
SIMULTECH

LEVIN BISHOP
DIRETTORE DEL PERSONALE
WILL HATES HEATHERFIELD! OUR RELATIONSHIP IS DETERIORATING... I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HER!
HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF YOURSELF? YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THAT TEACHER...
DEAN WILL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND! MY LITTLE GIRL IS MY WHOLE FAMILY!
AS YOU LIKE! BUT I INTEND TO TALK THIS OVER WITH THE BOARD!
IF YOUR REQUEST IS GRANTED, YOU'LL HAVE A NEW POSITION IN ANOTHER CITY BY SUMMERTIME!
THANKS, LEVIN! THAT WAY WILL CAN FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR, WITHOUT ANY TRAUMA!
NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND A WAY TO TELL HER!
"YESSS! FROM NOW ON, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE A LOT BETTER..."
xWILL
End of Episode.